



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DATE: December 31, 1980

TO: Tom Cavanagh, Rama Chaturvedi, Bill Seltzer

FROM: Mike Rogers *MDR*

SUBJECT: PROCESS ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP

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On December 30, 1980, 1:30 p.m., I spoke with Charles Jones of Northern Petrochemical. Northern Petrochemical generates 30,000 gallons/day of caustic scrubber solution and has received conditional authorization to ship this waste stream to Process Alliance Partnership (PAP) in Joliet, Illinois. This authorization was valid from August 8, 1980 to November 6, 1980. Mr. Jones told me that he had been notified by Northern Region inspector Jay Evans that this authorization number had expired and Mr. Jones wanted to receive some kind of temporary approval to continue to ship to PAP. I told Mr. Jones that we had received a Special Waste Disposal Application to extend the authorization to PAP but that the application had not yet been acted upon because approval for this waste stream will depend upon the disposition of the site development permit for PAP. Mr. Jones then asked me if anyone at the EPA could grant him authorization to continue shipping. I told him that no one at the Agency has the power to grant a variance to the Pollution Control Board's regulations. He was in a "desperate" situation to find out where he could ship this waste stream.

After this phone conversation, I spoke with Senior Attorney of Land, Bill Seltzer. I explained the situation and described the problem to Bill. Bill asked if there is any facility that is approved to receive this waste stream. One company, ILWD of Indianapolis, Indiana does have authorization to accept this waste stream. Bill suggested that I inform Charles Jones that ILWD can still accept NPC's waste stream.

I called Charles Jones at 2:00 p.m. to again tell him that we could not extend his authorization number to ship to PAP. He then asked what he should do with his waste stream. I asked him what his authorization number was. He told me it was 997204. Upon checking Agency records I told Mr. Jones that ILWD is still authorized to accept his waste stream. He stated that there were some problems with going to ILWD but I just left it at that. He said he would get back in touch with me if he had any other questions.

At 3:00 p.m. Don Matschke, one of the Partners of PAP called me and asked me what was going on. I informed him that the authorization number to accept NPC's caustic scrubber solution had expired and that it would be a violation of the hauling regulations to accept the waste stream. Mr. Matschke said that he was shocked by this news and that if PAP could not treat this stream they would be forced to close. Mr. Matschke then asked to talk to Bill Seltzer. Bill was in another meeting so Mr. Matschke asked me to please have Bill return his call. Mr. Matschke then asked for Mike Mauzy's number, which I gave him and that ended the conversation.

At 4:05 p.m. of the same day I spoke with Bill Seltzer and Don Matschke via a conference call. All of the details of the days events were reviewed and Bill said that PAP could continue to accept the caustic scrubber stream from NPC without the threat of legal action until a decision is made regarding the PAP site development permit. This decision will be made during the week of January 5-9, 1981.

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About 4:30 p.m. Don Matschke again called me about the PAP site development permit. Mr. Matschke asked if this whole situation was going on because his site permit would be denied. I told him that I was not aware of what the decision on PAP's site permit was going to be and that there was going to be a meeting regarding the PAP permit next week. Mr. Matschke then asked if there was anything he could do, say, or submit to the Agency so that his permit would not be denied which, he said, would certainly force him out of business. I told him that that would be discussed at the permit meeting. Mr. Matschke then reiterated the point that a denial of his permit would be disastrous to him. I then tried to transfer him to Sallie Smith to see if there is anything she could tell Mr. Matschke about his permit. Sallie's line was busy and I told Mr. Matschke that I would have Sallie return his call. He then thanked me and the conversation ended.

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